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Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the modified Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project Available

Kansas City, Mo. -- KANSAS CITY -- The Army Corps of Engineers announces the availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the modified Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Missouri Department of Conservation, and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission are serving as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the FSEIS.

The Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project was first authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (WRDA86), which included the development of 48,100 acres of aquatic and terrestrial habitat for fish and wildlife along 735 miles of the Missouri River between Sioux City, Iowa and the mouth near St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose of the Mitigation Project is to restore fish and wildlife habitat losses that have occurred and will continue to occur due to the Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project. The Mitigation Project was modified by the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, which increased the acreage of fish and wildlife habitat development by 118,650 acres to a total of 166,750 acres. The purpose of the FSEIS is to identify and evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the modified Mitigation Project. The FSEIS considered seven alternatives and analyzes three alternatives in detail including the Preferred Action, No Development alternative, and the No Action alternative. The Preferred Action would include the development of up to 118,650 acres to be acquired from willing sellers or through easements to restore or enhance aquatic and terrestrial habitat on individual sites located along the Missouri River from Sioux City to St. Louis, including 7,000 to 20,000 acres of shallow water habitat. This modified Mitigation Project is a modification to the original Mitigation Project authorized by WRDA86. A copy of the FSEIS is available for review beginning March 7, 2003 at the following libraries:

Atchison Library, 401 Kansas Avenue, Atchison, KS 66002
Atchison County Library, 200 S. Main St., Rock Port, MO 64482-1532
Blair Public Library, 210 S. 17th Street, Blair, NE 68008
Boonslick Regional Library, 618 Main Street, Boonville, MO 65233-1572
Callaway County Public Library, 710 Court Street, Fulton, MO 65251
Carrollton Public Library, 206 W. Washington, Carrollton, MO 64633
Council Bluffs Public Library, 400 Willow Ave., Council Bluffs, IA 51503-4269
Daniel Boone Regional Library, 100 W. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65201
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Keytesville Library, 406 W. Bridge Street, Keytesville, MO 65261-1016
Leavenworth Public Library, 417 Spruce, Leavenworth, KS 66048
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Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library, 120 E. 18th Street, Falls City, NE 68355
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Morton - James Public Library, 923 First Corso, Nebraska City, NE 68410
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St. Louis Public Library, 5850 N. Hanley Road, St. Louis, MO 63134
Scenic Regional Library, 113 E. 4th Street, Hermann, MO 65041-1129
Scenic Regional Library, 912 S. Highway 47, Warrenton, MO 63383-2004
Sidney Public Library, 604 Clay Street, Sidney, IA 51652
Sioux City Public Library, 529 Pierce Street, Sioux City, IA 51101-1203
Thomas Jefferson Library, 214 Adams St., Jefferson City, MO 65101
Washington Public Library, 415 Jefferson Street, Washington, MO 63090-2607
Walthill Public Library, Main Street, Walthill, NE 68067
W. Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th Street, Omaha, NE 68102-1004

The FSEIS is also available for review on the Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project website at:
<http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/projects/mitigation/supplemental-eis.htm>.

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The Record of Decision for the FSEIS will be made available no earlier than April 7, 2003.